



**MINUTES – MEC REGULAR MEETING
4:00P.M. – 5:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dr. Louis Albert, Bill Ardern, Malena Barajas, Mark DeWeerd, George Favela, Nicole Haan, Raul Nido, Dr. Mari Helen High, Rebecca Kopec, Raul Nido, Peri Jude Radecic, Jo Riester, Lisa Silveiro, Laura Shaw, Molly Tylutki, Pat Wiedhopf.

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edward Nossem, Karla Garcia, Fran Embrey Senechal, Jaymie Jacobs, Paul Lovelis.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR. LOUIS ALBERT

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER, 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT – BILL ARDERN

ASSETS:

Current Assets:	\$130,015.27
Fixed Assets:	<u>1,619.84</u>
Total Assets:	131,635.11

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Current Liabilities:	\$ 15,147.57
Total Equity:	<u>116,487.54</u>
Total L & E:	131,635.11

Motion to approve April 2009 Financial Report: George Favela

Second: Bill Holmes

Motion carried 17 to 0.

3.0 APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 MEETING MINUTES – GEORGE FAVELA

Motion to Approve the September 16, 2009 MEC Meeting (MEC Retreat) Minutes:

George Favela

Second: Bill Holmes

Motion carried 17 to 0.

4.0 UPDATE ON ARIZONA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION – CHRIS WALDEN-JONES

Chris Walden-Jones presented on the current state of the Arizona budget, future budget probabilities, and their negative ramifications for education locally and statewide. He also distributed applications for Associate Membership in the Arizona Education Association, for MEC Commissioners, and explained the benefits of membership.

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

The budget is tracking, although there is a substantial amount of money pending from Pima County, due to the late date of the delivery of the 2009-2010 contract. The federal Challenge Grant has been extended for another year.

5.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon –Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The 20th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, April 30, 2009, at the Desert Diamond Hotel & Casino. Congressman Raul Grijalva will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Commissioners are requested to secure at least 1 table for the event. We have 6 tables so far, with one Gold Sponsor (University of Phoenix, \$3,500) and one Patron Sponsor (Tohono O'odham Nation).

5.3 Appointments – Pat Wiedhopf

Dr. Louis Albert, Pat Wiedhopf, Jo Riester, and Bill Holmes have all agreed to serve another term as MEC Commissioners.

Motion to approve: Peri Jude Radecic

Second: Raul Nido

Motion carried 17-0.

5.4 YAC/TTC – Fran Embrey Senechal

New YAC/TTC members will be oriented tonight, and also select committees.

Nominations of officers and filling vacancies will be voted on next month.

5.5 Issues – George Favela

The MEC Executive Board will be meeting with the Arizona Daily Star Editorial Board on Tuesday, October 27th to discuss MEC recent developments and accomplishments, and also marketing for the MEC's 20th Anniversary.

The MEC will hold a series of Forums this year as part of the MEC's 20th Anniversary activities; these are meant to raise visibility and awareness of MEC activities and programs. The November forum will have a panel of school counselors addressing higher education and college access. There will also be an RCAC marketing campaign; the Marketing Committee will meet on November 5th. The RCAC numbers to date for 2009-10 are as follows:

- The number of student and counselor MEC College Toolkit accounts created each month.

- Student accounts

- July 2009 = 13
- August 2009 = 88
- September 2009 = 71

- Counselor accounts

- July 2009 = 1
- August 2009 = 2

- September 2009 = 12
- The number of visitors to the RCAC website as tracked by Google Analytics.
 - July 2009 = 382
 - August 2009 = 858
 - September 2009 = 761
- The number of contacts made by the public for RCAC services by phone, walk-in office visits, advising appointments, and e-mail messages.
 - July 2009 = 6
 - August 2009 = 13
 - September 2009 = 7

6.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC
No action.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT
Motion to Adjourn: George Favela
Second: Malena Barajas
The motion passed 17-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.